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MEDICAL EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the medical education is not being imparted in Hindi and other RegionalLanguages;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to impart the medical education in Hindi and other Regional Languages;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e): Maintaining the standard of medial education is the prime responsibility of Medical Council of India (MCI). The issue of introduction of Hindi medium in medical education was taken up with MCI for comments. The Council was of the view that in a country with a variety of languages, it is essential that medical education should be conducted in a common language throughout the country for mobility of students, teachers, doctors and examiners etc. MCI is also of the opinion that since medical books in Hindi medium are not available at present, it is, therefore, not possible to conduct the medical education in Hindi medium for the time being.